Year 5 Camp Report

“There is no ‘I’ in the word “TEAM” is often told to adults and children alike. Year 5 students learnt that the hands on way on their amazing three day camp to the Stanley River Environmental Education Centre this term. Whether it was orienteering around the grounds, trekking up steep hills, paddling their 6 person catamarans or simply doing the dishes after dinner, students had to pull together as a team to get the job done.

The Mainwar and Gairnbee groups (local Aboriginal names for the Brisbane and Stanley rivers) worked with the Teachers at the centre to develop a better understanding of what good team work looks like. They focussed on the key skills of communication, cooperation, participation and respect. Teamwork is something that we expect from everyone but it is often difficult to find engaging ways to actually teach the students how to go about good team work. By taking students out of their comfort zones and challenging them in new situations they were able to see the true value of a good team.

One skill that is sure to please parents was that students were required to clean up all the dishes after the morning and evening meals. This included scraps for the chickens, washing plates, drying and stacking. Dinner on the first night was a bit chaotic to say the least, but by breakfast on Friday they were a well-oiled dish washing machine. Helping each other and taking turns without a word from any adults. It was amazing!

After learning the basics of Orienteering and Canoeing on the first two days students were required to put all their skills together in a team Totem animal hunt. Students were given coordinates and compasses and set off by land and water to locate their totem animals. They needed to communicate and coordinate their actions to get to their goals. After much time searching the banks it was discovered that the local whistling kite had beaten the students to some of the fluffier totem animals but the students reacted with calm composure, hopped back in their catamarans and headed back to base. Then, as a team, they dismantled the boats, packed everything away and soaked Mr Palstra (Thanks for the secret mission Mr Lawrance!!).

By the end of camp the transformation in the students was clear to see and they have learned essential skills that will help them for the rest of their lives. Their adventure to Stanley River will be something they will never forget.
Dear Parents, Students and Friends.

The year is quickly racing away from us. With Christmas just around the corner things at Coolnwynpin State School are gearing up for the final stage of what has been an amazing year.

At this end of the year it is often very easy to fall into the trap of letting our guard down and relaxing a little too soon. I encourage everyone to continue to emphasise the importance of working to the best of our ability, being safe, respectful learners and ensuring that we make each and every day count.

Ready Reader Parent Session
We are inviting up to 15 parents to participate in a FREE Ready Reader Parent Session on Thursday, November 5th 2015 from 9:00am to 10:00am. This session will be run by Mr Brian Ragh, from the South East Regional Office. The session is open to all parents across the school, with first preference of places going to parents of Prep-aged children.

This is a great opportunity to come along and learn some simple and effective reading support strategies you can use when doing home reading with your children at home. Places are strictly limited so please call the office on 3906 4333 to confirm your place.

Carnival Day Wrap-up
Recently our students attended their final Sporting Carnival Days for the year. I was delighted to again received a plethora of feedback about the extremely high level of sportsmanship demonstrated by our students. Thank you to all the teachers and teacher aides who coached and supported our students for Carnival Days this year and a special thanks to Alexandra Hills State High School Sports Excellence Students who coached and supported our young athletes each week.

A special congratulations to the Mixed A Newcombe Ball Team and the Senior Boys Handball Team who were season Champions.

Koala Fair Thanks
Again thank you so much to the amazing organisers, volunteers and attendees at this Year’s Koala Fair. Your support and generosity has enabled us to place an order for some ENORMOUS Fans for our school hall. This will no doubt help to keep our Coolnwynpin Community cool on those hot summer days. We look forward to the fan installation in the coming 4 - 5 weeks.

School Booklist Orders.
Please remember to return booklist orders or place the order online by December 10th 2015.

2016 Planning
At this time of the year we are beginning to plan ahead for the coming school year. For this reason, if you know you will be moving out of the area and/or not attending Coolnwynpin State School in 2016 please call the office on 3906 4333 to let us know. This information helps greatly in preparing class structures for the coming school year.

Day for Daniel
Today we took the opportunity to show our support for Child Safety Awareness by participating in the Day for Daniel Red Shirt Day. Today is a great annual reminder to take the time to talk with our children about the matters of child safety.

It is an important time to reiterate to your children the safe list of adults who you would have collect them should an emergency happen and you not be able to pick them up. It is also a great time to talk about our natural flight or fight response and the way our bodies react when we are feeling unsafe or uncomfortable. To support such conversations there are some great educational resources available at: http://www.danieldorcombe.com.au/educational-resources.html

Before School
At Coolnwynpin State School we require all students who are at school prior to the commencement of the school day to be waiting in the Undercover Areas. While we acknowledge that some parents like to wait with their children it is difficult for duty staff to maintain the safety and wellbeing of all children when students are scattered across the school.

There are to be no ball games or running games before the start of the school day. Children are to sit in the undercover areas and talk quietly amongst themselves. This provides a great opportunity for oral language and social skill development amongst peers.

Hope you all have a fabulous weekend.

Kind Regards

Mick Lawrence
Principal

Our Positive Behaviour for Learning goal for the coming week is:

We are respectful when using the toilets.
How fast paced this year seems to have flown, we are now in Week 4 of Term 4. At this time of year, the weather is becoming warmer and there are some uniform issues to consider.

WATER BOTTLES - Does your child have a water bottle? And if so is it named? Students are allowed water bottles in their classroom to keep hydrated throughout the day, there will be a spot in the classroom for your child to place it.

HATS – a named hat! We have many hats that are placed in lost property daily, if they are named we can return them to you ASAP.

LUNCHBOXES – also named. Lots of little containers and larger ones end up in lost property, and these also are returned ASAP when a name is found. There seems to be quite a few at the moment.

SWIMMING – Please ensure on this day in particular, that ALL items are named. Quite often not all clothing gets placed in their swim bags, we can return it to its owner if it is named. ALL students require a shirt or rash shirt to wear over their togs in order to get on the bus. Shoes/Sandals/thongs are required as well.

BOOKLISTS have been sent home with students. Please start checking with your child/ren if they still have the items that can be reused for 2016 (USB stick, headphones, calculator). These items will start being sent home from school in about week 9 or 10.

Year 5 students should have placed their Senior t-shirt order this week.

SAVE THE DATE: A few items to place on the calendar.

SPORTS STARS AND SUPERHEROES – Friday 6th November 2015. Bring a gold coin donation and come dressed as your favourite (sporting star or superhero). This fundraiser supports our hard working Student Council and Coolwypin State School.

CAROLS NIGHT – Saturday 28th November 2015. Flyers advertising our Schools 2015 Carols Night will be delivered into school bags soon. The P & C are also endeavouring to do a local letterbox drop as well. Come join us for a night under the stars.

Julie Sutton
HOC/StLan

DEADLY AUSTRALIANS visited our school last Friday. Discussion on where our venomous creatures might be found, how to avoid them and the importance of seeking adult help, were held during each session.

The roles of these creatures in our ecosystem also was discussed, as was conservation. Students learnt how to avoid bites and stings, and most importantly; what to do if they are bitten or stung. First Aid was demonstrated for each bite and sting situation.

Viewing and question time was held and the students were encouraged to ask questions and view the exhibits more closely.

GUIDED READING has continued to be an important aspect of the Curriculum at Coolwynpin State School. Daily Guided Reading is set at a specific time each day so that classes receive support from Teacher Aides and Specialist Teachers. This ensures that most, if not all, of our students are reading and guided by an adult during their Guided Reading groups. Students are moving effortlessly between classes to engage in this daily event.

One of our Crossing Supervisors celebrates 5 Years service.
Kay Robinson one of our lovely crossing supervisors is celebrating 5 years as a crossing supervisor Kay will be presented with a badge by Sue Renfrey from the Qld Department of Transport.

Payment reminders
We have a lot of activities and camps being organised at the moment, below is a list of activities and payment due dates

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If you have financial difficulties for any of the above events please contact our BSM Sandra Penfold to discuss a payment plan. We encourage all students to participate in the above activities.

Absence Line : 39064360
FROM THE HOSES

The QUT Health Clinics are conducting FREE back to school health checks for children on 12, 13 and 14 January 2016.

The clinic will be providing:
- foot checks (podiatry)
- vision screenings (optometry)
- nutrition assessments and dietary advice (nutrition and dietetics)
- educational and developmental assessments (psychology).

Parents are able to register their children for all four screenings in the one visit. Please find further information below.

FREE back to school health check for kids!
12, 13 and 14 January 2016

Foot checks
- Footwear and orthotic advice
- Corns and callouses
- Tendonitis
- Bunions

Vision screening
- Squinting
- Headaches
- Difficulty concentrating
- Colour blindness

Nutrition assessments and dietary advice
- Nutritional analysis
- Understanding trends
- Advice on immunizations

Education and developmental assessments
- School readiness
- Reading ability

Registration essential
Phone 3138 9777 to register or for further information.

www.healthclinics.qut.edu.au
44 Musk Avenue, Kelvin Grove QLD 4059

From the Parents and Citizens Association

Update on Koala Fair fundraising effort...

After the fantastic effort from the Fair organisation committee and all of our wonderful community, I am proud to announce that in partnership with the school we will be able to purchase 2 industrial fans to be installed the hall...that is 1 more than we thought! Well done Cool School, definitely a job well done!!!!!

Thank you event - save the date

The P&C in partnership with the Redlands Choir, Rotary and Mt Cotton Scouts are proud to present - Carols by Candlelight on Saturday 28th November from 5pm - 7.30pm. There will be food, drinks and ice cream available to purchase on the night...so bring a rug or some camping chairs and join us on the oval for some free holiday cheer!

Featuring the Redland City Choir

SPECIAL THANKS TO....

Graduation helpers needed

If you want to be part of something great and help out our school seniors and their families for an evening please text me on 0418 184 105. I have helped out on this night and even been a parent of a graduating student, it is a lovely night and will give you a snip-it of what to expect when it's your child's turn. It usually lasts for 2 hours or if you can help make some finger food that day, it will all help. Thanks in advance.
Prep/1C Report

Prep/1C have been exploring narrative text, and focusing on the structure of narratives. This has been an exciting opportunity for creativity as the children write ‘sizzling starts’ to introduce their own story ideas.

Swimming is a highlight for our students and also provides an opportunity for the students to show their independence and growing personal capabilities.

Preparations for our end of year Dance assessment have been another exciting introduction to our learning time, with students dancing to a much loved song – they are rehearsing with great enthusiasm!

Deadly Australians was an interesting incursion where students were able to learn about, touch and hold animals under supervision of our animal expert. This photo is a great example of how close and personal some of our students were to a friendly snake!

Year 3 Report

This term, students in 2/3C are studying the book ‘George’s Marvellous Medicine’ by Roald Dahl – one of my favourite authors.

George can’t stand his Grandma. She complains all the time, she’s mean and she smells funny. On this particular day, Grandma is much more annoying than usual and George has had enough. “George - make me a cup of tea! George - rub my feet! George - stop growing!” Ugh. Wanting to teach her a lesson and to put an end to her constant nagging, George concocts a special medicine, greater than any medicine in the history of medicines. What he doesn’t expect is that this medicine may actually work – just not in the way he thinks it will…

This book forms part of our English unit. Students will use the text to create their own procedure based on what George’s Grandma likes to eat.

Last week 2/3C were lucky enough to attend an incursion to learn the secrets of the “Deadly Australians” that inhabit our beautiful forests and seas. The "Deadly Australians" is a public awareness program, educating Australian children about the dangers of the venomous wildlife that inhabit our suburban backyards, bush, beaches and sea. The program discussed both live and preserved exhibits such as Box Jellyfish, Blue-Ringed Octopus, Conus Shells, Arachnids - Ticks & Spiders, Pythons, Lizards and Freshwater Turtles, Common Brown Snakes and Sea Snakes, the incursion ended with students being able to touch a real life snake if they wished. Unfortunately, I was ‘picked on’ to demonstrate how to stroke a snake ‘nicely’ ewwwwwww!

Mrs Barr-Hamilton and 2/3C
COMORUNITY NEWS

Blinky Bill

November Sensory Movie day
11am, Sunday 15 November
Capalaba Cinemas

“Sensory Movie Day” was created for families with special needs. This movie experience is a positive, non-judgemental experience. Children are free to try every seat, flap or stim, lighting stays on dim. Fire exit doors are monitored for those escape artists. Please note that caregivers are responsible for their own children at all times. Children 2 years and under are free, companion cards are accepted. Tickets $8 each. No need to RSVP- just come along!

Sensory screening food specials:
$5 midi popcorn & drink combo $3 coffee

Contact 07 3213 7100 or connections@fsg.org.au for more information

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SPORTFIRST

Parents are welcome to come down to SPORTFIRST Capalaba now to place orders for 2016. Laybys require 20% deposit and can be collected in January 2016, or can be purchased on the day. Dresses are order only and must be ordered before December 18th 2015.

Please don't delay as stock can run low in January.
This document contains various advertisements and notices. Here are a few highlights:

- **Primary Music Institute**: Offers small group and private instrumental music lessons at your school. Contact details provided.
- **Freedom Property**: Advertises a chance to win an iPad Mini. Details on how to order and terms of the offer.
- **Mt Cotton Rd News**: Advertises for advertising throughout the school term. Pricing options listed.
- **Don Brown MP**: Promotes his support for the school. Contact information provided.

The document emphasizes the value of local community support and highlights various opportunities for advertising and promotions.